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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RAS MENGESHA AND NEGA TEGEGNE

REF: KHARTOUM 0096

1. ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE, GOS HAS REFUSED EPMG REQUEST TO RETURN RAS MENGESHA TO ETHIOPIA BUT HAS AGREED NOT TO PERMIT HIS CONTINUED RESIDENCE IN SUDAN. MENGESHA HAS REPORTEDLY FOUND ANOTHER ARAB COUNTRY WILLING TO RECEIVE HIM AND MAY SEND SONS TO CANADA (RATHER THAN ITALY) TO STUDY.

2. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT RADIO REPORT MENTIONED REFTEL WAS IN FACT BASED ON REUTERS STORY CLAIMING THAT GENERAL NEGA TEGEGNE, GOVERNOR OF BAGEMDER PROVINCE, ENTERED SUDAN WITH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ARMED TROOPS.

3. COMMENT: WHEN MAKING HIS STATEMENT ABOUT MENGESHA'S PRESENCE IN SUDAN (REFTEL), BAGHIR WAS ATTEMPTING EITHER TO SOOTHE ETHIOPIAN NERVES OR, IF HE KNEW THAT REPORT REALLY CONCERNED TEGEGNE, TO THROW ETHIOPIANS OFF THE

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SCENT. IN ANY CASE, NOW APPEARS THAT GOS WILLING GO

HALF-WAY TO APPEASE EPMG BY ARRANGING MENGESHA'S DEPARTURE
FROM SUDAN AND INHIBITING HIS TRAVEL TO EUROPE WHILE STOPPING
SHORT OF RETURNING HIM TO ETHIOPIA. SUDANESE HANDLING OF
TEGEGNE'S ALLEGED ARMED PRESENCE HERE WILL REQUIRE YET
MORE DEXTERITY.
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